THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sale of surplus land held by Mazgaon Dock Limited

2661. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mazgaon Docks Limited, a Government Undertaking, owns about 45 to 50 acres of surplus land and a well built jetty at Nhava Port, New Bombay;

(b) whether Government are aware that the company is in the process of finalising sale deed on a long term lease basis with some private parties in a clandestine manner without taking note of the guidelines in the matter of such transaction like inviting tenders/bids, etc.;

(c) whether Government are aware that the said land is accessible to industrial units in the area who could at the sametime assure maximum revenue to the Dock Authorities, besides foreign exchange earnings through exports;

(d) if so, what action has been taken to stop this unholy transaction; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) ONGC handed over in a phased manner 37.5 acres of land at Nhava island to MDL for fabrication of offshore structures. MDL have developed the land and created the facilities for fabrication work.

(b) to (e) The company is neither selling nor giving the land on long term lease to any party. In order to utilise its capacity it is sub-contracting and hiring out a part of its facilities and equipment like cranes etc. and space to a party for bulk handling of LPG for 3 years only on a temporary basis. If the facilities are required by MDL for its own use then the agreement can be cancelled by giving 3 months notice.

Facilities in HAL for servicing aircrafts

2662. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the existing facilities in Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. for maintenance and overhaul of aircrafts and how far these facilities are capable of meeting the requirements of Indian Air Force;

(b) whether on meeting the requirements of IAF, any surplus capacity is left with HAL to attend to the maintenance and overhaul of aircrafts owned either by Air India, Indian Airlines, etc.;

(c) whether HAL is attending to maintenance and overhaul jobs of Air India, Indian Airlines and if so, what are the relevant details thereof; and

(d) what are the proposals for augmenting the existing maintenance and overhaul facilities at HAL so that expenditure on obtaining such jobs executed abroad is reduced to the minimum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has facilities for repair and overhaul of a majority of aircraft held by the IAF. The company has also been carrying out check 'B' and check 'C' on Boeing-737 aircraft for private airlines/operators.

(c) Air India and Indian Airlines have their own arrangements for overhaul and servicing. However, HAL has carried out some special repair and modification work for these airlines.

(d) HAL is taking up overhaul of Mirage-2000 and MiG-27M airframes and accessories as also engines of MiG-29 aircraft. It is also positioning itself to expand its services for civil aircraft and

has signed a memorandum of understanding with Boeing Commercial Air Group, USA, for development of maintenance facilities for Boeing aircraft. It has also reached an understanding with Fokker (Netherlands) for setting up maintenance and servicing facilities for Fokker aircraft in use in the Asia-pacific region.

Indian troops in UN Peace Keeping Force

2663. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Indian troops from Somalia have been withdrawn;

(b) the number of casualties suffered in Somalia; and

(c) the places where Indian troops have been sent elsewhere as a part of U.N. Peace Keeping Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 14 Indian Army personnel were killed and 36 injured in various incidents in Somalia.

(c) Presenty, Indian troops are deployed as part of UN Peace Keeping force in UNAMIR (Rwanda). In addition, Indian Military Observers are also posted in UN Peace Keeping Missions in Iraq/Kuwait, Angola and Liberia. Some troops and staff officers are also going to Angola shortly.

Inclusion of Five Electronics Schemes in MPLAD

2664. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Electronics has issued instructions and published a booklet for including five electronics schemes in the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Schemes;

(b) whether schemes under this like Ham Club, Citizen Band Radio etc. can be given to unaided schools because they are the ones who need it most;

(c) whether more detailed instructions will be issued since many instructions are not clear; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Department of Electronics in consultation with the Department of Programme Implementation, has formulated the following five projects in the area of electronics under the "Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) Scheme:

1. Computer in Education Project: Computer in Every High School.
2. Information Footpath.
3. HAM Club in Every High School.
4. Citizen Bank Radio.
5. Bibliographic Data Base Project.

The Brochure containing the details of these five projects have been circulated to all Members of Parliament.

These electronics projects could be implemented within the framework of general guidelines on the eligibility of the educational institutions under MPLAD Scheme, issued by the Government of India, Department of Programme Implementation.

(c) and (d) The Department of Electronics have been replying to the clarifications asked by MPs from time to time on the implementation of electronics projects under MPLAD scheme. However detailed guidelines on implementation of electronics projects are being formulated and will be issued to all MPs at the earliest.